

SET

- Joy salutes me when I *set*
My blest eyes on Amoret.
12. To offer for a price.
There is not a more wicked thing than a covetous man; for such an one *set* his own soul to sale. *Ecclef. x. 9.*
23. To place in order; to frame.
After it was framed, and ready to be *set* together, he was, with infinite labour and charge, carried by land with camels, through that hot and sandy country, from Cairo to Suetia. *Kneller's History of the Turki.*
24. To station; to place.
Cæsus has betray'd
The bitter truths that our loose court upbraid:
Your friend was *set* upon you for a spy,
And on his witness you are doom'd to die. *Dryden.*
25. To oppose.
Will you *set* your wit to a fool's?
To bring to a fine edge: as, to *set* a razor.
26. To *set* about. To apply to.
They should make them play-games, or endeavour it, and *set* themselves about it. *Locke.*
28. To *set* against. To place in a state of enmity or opposition.
The terrors of God do *set* themselves in array against me. *Jeb vi. 4.*
The king of Babylon *set* himself against Jerusalem. *Ezek.*
The devil hath reason to *set* himself against it; for nothing is more destructive to him than a soul armed with prayer. *Dupa.*
There should be such a being as afflicts us against our worst enemies, and comforts us under our sharpest sufferings, when all other things *set* themselves against us. *Tillotson.*
29. To *set* against. To oppose; to place in rhetorical opposition.
This perishing of the world in a deluge is *set* against, or compared with, the perishing of the world in the conflagration. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*
30. To *set* apart. To neglect for a season.
They highly commended his forwardness, and all other matters for that time *set* apart. *Kneller.*
31. To *set* aside. To omit for the present.
Set your knighthood and your soldiery aside, and give me leave to tell you that you lie in your throat. *Shakespeare. H. IV.*
In 1585 followed the prosperous expedition of Drake and Carlike into the West Indies; in the which I *set* aside the taking of St. Jago and St. Domingo in Hispaniola, as surprizes rather than encounters. *Bacon.*
My highest interest is not to be deceived about these matters; therefore, *setting* aside all other considerations, I will endeavour to know the truth, and yield to that. *Tillotson.*
32. To *set* aside. To reject.
I'll look into the pretensions of each, and shew upon what ground 'tis that I embrace that of the deluge, and *set* aside all the rest. *Woodward's Nat. History.*
No longer now does my neglected mind
Its wonted stores and old ideas find:
Fix'd judgment there no longer does abide,
To taste the true, or *set* the false aside. *Prior.*
33. To *set* aside. To abrogate; to annul.
Several innovations, made to the detriment of the English merchant, are now intirely *set* aside. *Addison.*
There may be
Reasons of so much pow'r and cogent force,
As may ev'n *set* aside this right of birth:
If sons have rights, yet fathers have 'em too. *Rome.*
He shows what absurdities follow upon such a supposition, and the greater those absurdities are, the more strongly do they evince the falsity of that supposition from whence they flow, and consequently the truth of the doctrine *set* aside by that supposition. *Atterbury.*
34. To *set* by. To regard; to esteem.
David behaved himself more wisely than all, so that his name was much *set* by. *1 Sa. xviii. 30.*
35. To *set* by. To reject or omit for the present.
You shall hardly edify me, that those nations might not, by the law of nature, have been subdued by any nation that had only policy and moral virtue; though the propagation of the faith, whereof we shall speak in the proper place, were *set* by, and not made part of the case. *Bacon.*
36. To *set* down. To mention; to explain; to relate in writing.
They have *set* down, that a rose *set* by garlick is sweeter, because the more fetid juice goeth into the garlick. *Bacon.*
Some rules were to be *set* down for the government of the army. *Clarendon.*
I shall *set* down an account of a discourse I chanced to have with one of these rural statesmen. *Addison.*
37. To *set* down. To register or note in any book or paper; to put in writing.
Let those that play your clowns speak no more than is *set* down for them. *Shakespeare. Hamlet.*
Every man, careful of virtuous conversation, studious of scripture, and given unto any abstinence in diet, was *set* down in his calendar of suspected Prelatians. *Hucker.*

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- Take
One half of my commission, and *set* down
As best thou art experienc'd, since thou know'st
Thy country's strength and weakness. *Shakespeare. Coriolanus.*
The reasons that led me into the meaning which prevailed on my mind, are *set* down. *Locke.*
An eminent instance of this, to shew what use can do, I shall *set* down. *Locke.*
I cannot forbear *setting* down the beautiful description Claudian has made of a wild beast, newly brought from the woods, and making its first appearance in a full amphitheatre. *Addison.*
38. To *set* down. To fix on a resolve.
Finding him so resolutely *set* down, that he was neither by fair nor foul means, but only by force, to be removed out of his town, he inclosed the same round. *Kneller.*
39. To *set* down. To fix; to establish.
This law we may name eternal, being that order which God before all others hath *set* down with himself, for himself to do all things by. *Hucker.*
40. To *set* forth. To publish; to promulgate; to make appear.
My willing love,
The rather by these arguments of fear,
Set forth in your pursuit. *Shakespeare. Twelfth Night.*
The poems, which have been to ill *set* forth under his name, are as he first writ them. *Waller.*
41. To *set* forth. To raise; to send out.
Our merchants, to their great charges, *set* forth fleets to defy the seas. *Abbot.*
The Venetian admiral had a fleet of sixty galleys, *set* forth by the Venetians. *Kneller's History of the Turki.*
They agreed, all with one consent, at a prefixed day, to send unto Vienna such warlike forces, as they had in any time before *set* forth, for the defence of the Christian religion. *Kneller's History of the Turki.*
- When poor Rutilus spends all his worth,
In hopes of *setting* one good dinner forth,
'Tis downright madness. *Dryden's Juvenal.*
42. To *set* forth. To display; to explain.
As for words to *set* forth such lowliness, it is not hard for them to give a goodly and painted shew thereunto, borrowed even from the praises proper to virtue. *Spenser.*
So little have these false colours dishonoured painting, that they have only served to *set* forth her praise, and to make her merit further known. *Dryden's Duffessy.*
43. To *set* forth. To arrange; to place in order.
Up higher to the plain, where we'll *set* forth
In best appointment all our regiments. *Shakespeare. K. John.*
44. To *set* forth. To show; to exhibit.
To render our errors more monstrous, and what unto a miracle *sets* forth the patience of God, he hath endeavoured to make the world believe he was God himself.
Whereas it is commonly *set* forth green or yellow, it is inclining to white. *Brown's Vulg. Err.*
To *set* forth great things by small. *Milton.*
The two humours of a cheerful trust in providence, and a suspicious diffidence of it, are very well *set* forth here for our instruction. *L'Estrange.*
45. To *set* forward. To advance; to promote.
They yield that reading may *set* forward, but not begin the work of salvation. *Hucker.*
Amongst them there are not those helps which others have, to *set* them forward in the way of life. *Hucker.*
In the external form of religion, such things as are apparently or can be sufficiently proved effectual, and generally fit to *set* forward godliness, either as betokening the greatness of God, or as becoming the dignity of religion, or as concurring with celestial impressions in the minds of men, may be reverently thought of. *Hucker.*
They mar my path, they *set* forward my calamity.
Dung or chalk, applied seasonably to the roots of trees, doth *set* them forward. *Bacon's Nat. History.*
46. To *set* in. To put in a way to begin.
If you please to assist and *set* me in, I will recollect myself. *Calver.*
47. To *set* off. To decorate; to recommend; to adorn; to embellish. It answers to the French *relever*.
Like bright metal on a fullen ground,
My reformation, glittering o'er my faults,
Shall shew more goodly, and attract more eyes,
Than that which hath no foil to *set* it off. *Shakespeare. H. IV.*
The prince put thee into my service for no other reason than to *set* me off. *Shakespeare. Henry IV.*
Neglect not the examples of those that have carried themselves ill in the same place; not to *set* off thyself by taxing their memory, but to direct thyself what to avoid. *Bacon.*
May you be happy, and your sorrows past
Set off those joys I wish may ever last. *Waller.*
The figures of the groupes must contrast each other by their several positions: thus in a play some characters must be raised to oppose others, and to *set* them off. *Dryden.*

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- The men, whose hearts are aimed at, are the occasion that one part of the face lies under a kind of disguise, while the other is so much *set* off, and adorned by the owner. *Addison.*
Their women are perfect mistresses in shewing themselves to the best advantage: they are always gay and sprightly, and *set* off the worst faces with the best airs. *Addison.*
The general good sense and worthiness of his character, makes his friends observe these little singularities as foils, that rather *set* off than blemish his good qualities. *Addison.*
The work will never take, if it is not *set* off with proper reasons. *Addison.*
Claudian *sets* off his description of the Eridanus with all the poetical stories. *Addison on Italy.*
48. To *set* on or upon. To animate; to instigate; to incite.
You had either never attempted this change, *set* on with hope, or never discovered it, stop with despair. *Sidney.*
He upbraids Iago, that he made him
Brave me upon the watch; whereon it came
That I was cast; and even now he spake
Iago *set* him on. *Shakespeare. Othello.*
Thou, traitor, hast *set* on thy wife to this. *Shakespeare.*
Baruch *set* on thee on against us, to deliver us unto the Chaldeans. *Jer. xliii. 3.*
He should be thought to be mad, or *set* on and employed by his own or the malice of other men to abuse the duke. *Clarendon.*
In opposition his
Grim death, my son and foe, who sets them on. *Milton.*
The vengeance of God, and the indignation of men, will join forces against an insulting baseness, when backed with greatness and *set* on by misinformation. *South's Sermon.*
The skill used in dressing up power, will serve only to give a greater edge to man's natural ambition: what can this do but *set* men on the more eagerly to scramble? *Locke.*
A prince's court introduces a kind of luxury, that *sets* every particular person upon making a higher figure than is consistent with his revenue. *Addison.*
49. To *set* on or upon. To attack; to assault.
There you missing me, I was taken up by pirates, who putting me under board prisoner, presently *set* upon another ship, and maintaining a long fight, in the end put them all to the sword. *Sidney.*
Cassio hath here been *set* on in the dark:
He's almost slain, and Rodorigo dead. *Shakespeare. Othello.*
So other foes may *set* upon our back. *Shakespeare. H. VI.*
Alphonius, captain of another of the galleys, suffering his men to straggle too far into the land, was *set* upon by a Turkish pirate, and taken. *Kneller.*
Of one hundred ships there came scarce thirty to work: howbeit with them, and such as came daily in, we *set* upon them, and gave them the chase. *Bacon's War on Spain.*
If I had been *set* upon by villains, I would have redeemed that evil by this which I now suffer. *Taylor.*
When once I am *set* upon, 'twill be too late to be whetting when I should be fighting. *L'Estrange.*
When some rival power invades a right,
Flies *set* on flies, and turtles turtles fight. *Garth's Dispens.*
50. To *set* on. To employ as in a task.
Set on thy wife to observe. *Shakespeare. Othello.*
51. To *set* on or upon. To fix the attention; to determine to any thing with settled and full resolution.
It becomes a true lover to have your heart more *set* upon her good than your own, and to bear a tenderer respect to her honour than your satisfaction. *Sidney.*
Some I found wondrous harsh,
Contempts, proud, *set* on revenge and spite. *Milton.*
52. To *set* out. To assign; to allot.
The rest, unable to serve any longer, or willing to fall to thirft, should be placed in part of the lands by them won, at better rate than others, to whom the same shall be *set* out. *Spenser.*
The squaring of a man's thoughts to the lot that providence has *set* out for him is a blessing. *L'Estrange.*
53. To *set* out. To publish.
I will use no other authority than that excellent proclamation *set* out by the king in the first year of his reign, and annexed before the book of Common Prayer. *Bacon.*
If all should be *set* out to the world by an angry whip, the consequence must be a confinement of our friend for some months more to his garret. *Swift.*
54. To *set* out. To mark by boundaries or distinctions of space.
Time and place, taken thus for determinate portions of those infinite abysses of space and duration, *set* out, or supposed to be distinguished from the rest by known boundaries, have each a twofold acceptation. *Locke.*
55. To *set* out. To adorn; to embellish.
An ugly woman, in a rich habit *set* out with jewels, nothing can become. *Dryden.*
56. To *set* out. To raise; to equip.
The Venetians pretend they could *set* out, in case of great necessity, thirty men of war, a hundred galleys, and ten galeasses. *Addison on Italy.*
57. To *set* out. To show; to display; to recommend.

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- Barbarossa, in his discourses concerning the conquest of Africk, *set* him out as a most fit instrument for subduing the kingdom of Tunis. *Kneller.*
I could *set* out that best side of Luther, which our author, in the picture he has given us of him, has thrown into shade, that he might place a supposed deformity more in view. *Atterbury.*
58. To *set* out. To show; to prove.
Those very reasons *set* out how heinous his sin was. *Atterbury.*
59. To *set* up. To erect; to establish newly.
There are many excellent institutions of charity lately *set* up, and which deserve all manner of encouragement, particularly those which relate to the careful and pious education of poor children. *Atterbury's Sermons.*
Who could not win the mistress, woo'd the maid,
Set up themselves, and drove a separate trade. *Pope.*
60. To *set* up. To build; to erect.
Their ancient habitations they neglect,
And *set* up new: then, if the echo like not
In such a room, they pluck down those. *Ben. Johnson's Catil.*
Jacob took the stone, that he had for his pillow, and *set* it up for a pillar. *Gen. xxviii. 18.*
Saul *set* him up a place, and is passed on, and gone down to Gulgah. *1 Sa. xv. 12.*
Such delight hath God in men
Obedient to his will, that he vouchsafes
Among them to *set* up his tabernacle. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
Images were not *set* up or worshipped among the heathens, because they supposed the gods to be like them. *Stillington.*
Statues were *set* up to all those who had made themselves eminent for any noble action. *Dryden.*
I shall shew you how to *set* up a forge, and what tools you must use. *Moxon's Mech. Exerc.*
Patrons, who sneak from living worth to dead,
With-hold the pension, and *set* up the head. *Pope.*
61. To *set* up. To raise; to exalt; to put in power.
He was skilful enough to have lived full, if knowledge could be *set* up against mortality. *Shakespeare.*
I'll translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and *set* up the throne of David over Israel. *2 Sa. iii. 10.*
Of those that lead these parties, if you could take off the major number, the lesser would govern; nay, if you could take off all, they would *set* up one, and follow him. *Suckling.*
Homer took all occasions of *setting* up his own countrymen the Grecians, and of undervaluing the Trojan chiefs. *Dryden.*
Whatever practical rule is generally broken, it cannot be supposed innate; it being impossible that men should, without shame or fear, serenely break a rule which they could not but evidently know that God had *set* up. *Locke.*
62. To *set* up. To place in view.
He hath taken me by my neck, shaken me to pieces, and *set* me up for his mark. *Job xvi. 12.*
Scarecrows are *set* up to keep birds from corn and fruits. *Bacon.*
Thy father's merit *sets* thee up to view;
And shows thee in the fairest point of light,
To make thy virtues or thy faults conspicuous. *Addison.*
63. To *set* up. To place in repose; to fix; to rest.
Whilst we *set* up our hopes here, we do not so seriously, as we ought, consider that God has provided another and better place for us. *Wake.*
64. To *set* up. To raise by the voice.
My right eye itches, some good luck is near;
Perhaps my Amaryllis may appear;
I'll *set* up such a note as she shall hear. *Dryden.*
65. To *set* up. To advance; to propose to reception.
The authors that *set* up this opinion were not themselves satisfied with it. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*
66. To *set* up. To raise to a sufficient fortune.
In a soldier's life there's honour to be got, and one lucky hit *sets* up a man for ever. *L'Estrange.*
To *set* up. v. n. *L'Estrange.*
1. To fall below the horizon, as the sun at evening.
The sun was *set*. *Gen. xxviii. 11.*
Whereas the *setting* of the pleiades and seven stars is designed the term of Autumn and the beginning of Winter, unto some latitudes these stars do never *set*. *Brown's Vulg. Err.*
That sun once *set*, a thousand meaner stars
Gave a dim light to violence and wars. *Waller.*
Now the latter watch of wasting night,
And *setting* stars, to kindly rest invite. *Dryden's Æn.*
Not thicker billows beat the Libyan main,
When pale Orion *sets* in wintry rain,
Than stand these troops. *Dryden's Æn.*
My eyes no object met,
But distant skies that in the ocean *set*. *Dryden's Ind. Emp.*
The Julian eagles here their wings display,
And there like *setting* stars the Decur lay. *Garth's Ovid.*
2. To be fixed hard.
A gathering and ferring of the spirits together to refist, maketh the teeth to *set* hard one against another. *Bacon.*
3. To be extinguished or darkened, as the sun at night.
Ahiyah could not see; for his eyes were *set*, by reason of his age. *Kings. xiv. 4.*